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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND ARTICLE XIX ACTION ON FABRICS

REFS: (A) GENEVA 3788 (1975), (B) STATE 200018 (1975)

1. WASHINGTON HAS REEXAMINED U.S. TRADE DATA RE TEXTILE
ITEMS COVERED BY NZ ARTICLE XIX ACTION IN ATTEMPT TO
DETERMINE MORE PRECISELY PRODUCTS AFFECTED AND VALUE OF
U.S. TRADE INVOLVED. TRADE DATA ALONG WITH ANALYSIS
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2. EXAMINATION OF DATA REVEALS APPARENT DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCTS AFFECTED AS PROVIDED BY NZ MISSION IN ITS LETTER OF NOVEMBER 3, 1975 TO U.S. MISSION, AND GATT NOTIFICATION IN L/4172 ADD. 1, JUNE 2, 1975. IN LATTER, TWO ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS COVERED BY ARTICLE XIX ACTION ARE DESCRIBED RESPECTIVELY AS: (1) CONTINUOUS SYNTHETIC FABRICS CONTAINING DISCONTINUOUS FIBERS, AND (2) DISCONTINUOUS SYNTHETIC FABRICS. IN U.S. PARLANCE THESE ARE NOT POLYESTER FABRICS. "SYNTHETIC FABRICS" MEANS FABRICS OF NON-CELLULOSIC FIBERS. DATA PROVIDED BY NEW ZEALAND MISSION, IN ITS LETTER, HOWEVER, REFERS TO "WOVEN POLYESTER FABRICS - ADDITIONAL ITEMS NOTIFIED IN L/4172/ADD. 1".
3. U.S. MISSION IS REQUESTED, UPON RECEIPT OF U.S. DATA, TO SEEK CLARIFICATION FROM GNZ MISSION AS TO PRODUCT COVERAGE IN GENERAL AND IN PARTICULAR, WITH REGARD TO PROBLEMS CITED IN PARA. 2 ABOVE. DOES EXTENSION OF ARTICLE XIX ACTION COVER ONLY OTHER WOVEN POLYESTER FABRICS OR THOSE PRODUCTS AS DESCRIBED IN L/4172/ADD. 1?
4. U.S. MISSION IS ALSO REQUESTED TO DETERMINE INTENTIONS OF GNZ AS TO REMOVAL OF WHAT NZ DESCRIBED AS TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS AND TO REITERATE U.S. POSITION RE ARTICLE XIX ACTION, I.E., THAT IN ABSENCE OF EARLY REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS, THE U.S. WILL SEEK COMPENSATION FOR GNZ ARTICLE XIX ACTION. SHOULD IT PROVE IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WHAT PART OF THE TRADE IN THE AFFECTED BOUND TARIFF ITEMS IS ACTUALLY COVERED BY THE ARTICLE XIX ACTION, THE U.S. IN SEEKING COMPENSATION, WOULD HAVE TO ASSUME WHOLE CONCESSION IS IMPAIRED AND WOULD SEEK COMPENSATION ACCORDINGLY. KISSINGER

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